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## PATENT APPLICATION

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## RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.121

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2002, having been duly extended from January 1, 2003, until April 1, 2003, by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, applicant respectfully responds as follows. This response complies with the amendment format as set forth in the OG Notice at 1267 OG 106, published on February 25, 2003.

Amendments to the claims are submitted on page 2.

Remarks are submitted on page 11.

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